

MOBILE SHERIFF DESIGNS A TRIAL NEARS

Southern Democrats Will Back Underwood Shoals Bill

WAR DEPT.
TO DECIDE
ITS FATE

Southern Senators Join Underwood In Fight For Measure

FERTILIZER CLAUSE
WINS CONVERTS

Harrison Speaks In Behalf Of National Defense Measure

SALE IS URGED
BY WADSWORTH

Other Alabama Properties Included In New Yorker's Proposal

(Washington Bureau.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Southern democrats, it developed today as a result of the continued Muscle Shoals debate in the senate, will present an almost united front in support of the national defense and fertilizer bill of Senator Underwood of Alabama. That his measure contains the fertilizer guarantees which the offer of Henry Ford contained, is the reason why certain senators, hitherto hesitant, came into camp today.

Senator Harrison of Mississippi, who spoke in behalf of the Underwood bill, Senator Heflin, Alabama, Senator McClellan, Tennessee, Senator Harris of Georgia and others indicated their intention "of standing with the farmers as against the special interests."

Senator Underwood, declaring that he had a good chance to put his measure across, took occasion to deny that he had interviewed President Coolidge respecting his bill. "Report to that effect is in error," he said. "I did outline my views to Secretary Weeks, and doubtless the secretary explained them to the president. It is certain that the president in his message followed fairly accurately the details of my bill."

Considerable interest was shown in the attitude of Senator Wadsworth of New York, sponsoring a bid of one of the interests, that of E. H. Hooker and company, which eschews fertilizer, by his introduction today of a bill authorizing the sale of surplus "useless" war property. Under the terms of the bill, it would be possible for the government to sell nitrate plant number one and the Waco quarry. Both were declared by Ford to be necessary to him, and it is understood that the measure would be necessary in the fulfillment of the conditions of the Underwood bill.

Other sales in Alabama which the Wadsworth bill would authorize include Fort Morgan, an island in Mobile Bay; west side entrance of Perdido Bay, and Perdido Bay, west and north of Bay LaLanch.

CONSIDERATION HALTS
Senate Adjourns To Await War Department Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Consideration of the Muscle Shoals problem in the senate went over today until Monday to await the report of the war department on the Underwood bill. Secretary Weeks conferred late today at the capital with administration leaders and promised to submit the report of the military experts and the report of the military experts and it is understood he expects to be guided in a measure on their report.

If the Underwood bill is disapproved by the military men, it is believed that the whole question will be referred to a joint committee of the senate and

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How About
Everything?

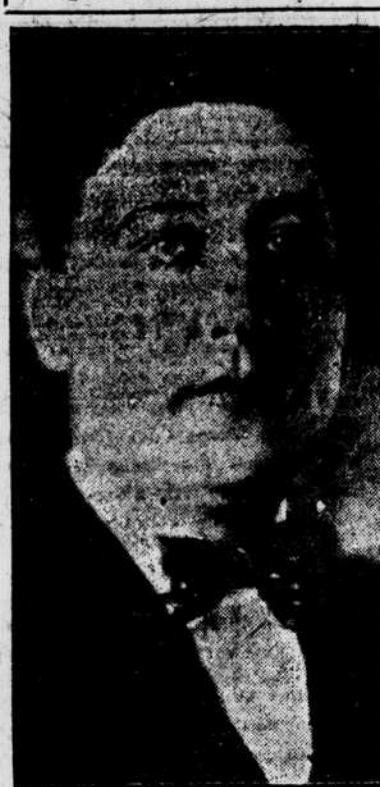
Politics, Crops, Baseball, Divorce, Marriage, Flappers and Frauds—

What Is The
Latest Dope?
And Why?

Ed Howe, world-famous journalist of Atchison, Kan., is all set to tell the readers of The Age-Herald in a weekly letter just what he thinks about everything—and Ed is always worth listening to.

These Letters Start Sunday—
And You Will Not Want
To Miss Them!

QUITS OFFICE



SHERIFF PAUL CAZALAS

Two days before his impeachment trial was scheduled to be held before the supreme court, Sheriff Paul Cazalas of Mobile county, submitted his resignation yesterday to Governor Brandon. Among other things he was accused of conniving at the liquor traffic in Mobile.

\$1,000,000 OFFER
FOR COURTHOUSE
IS MADE BOARDFavor Postponement Of
Sale For Increased
Price

The county board of revenue has received a tentative offer of \$1,000,000 for the old courthouse, Captain Lacey Edmundson, president of the board, stated Friday. The name of the company making the offer, however, was withheld.

The board, Captain Edmundson added, does not intend to take any definite action concerning the construction of the new courthouse or the disposal of the old building until after the first of the year. The reason given for this delay is to ascertain that every step taken is legal.

The various members of the board have not given voice to a definite expression regarding the sale or lease of the present building, but it is thought that most members favor selling the building outright.

The latest offer, which was received by Captain Edmundson Friday, was purely tentative, it was said, although the company back of the offer, it will start formal negotiations at once.

CHURCH TO RAISE
\$17,227.109 IN DAYPresbyterians Plan Unique Drive
In All Synods

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—An attempt will be made by the Presbytery of Chicago to raise in a single Sunday afternoon \$17,227.109, the probable budget for benevolence for the fiscal year beginning next April 1, it was announced today.

The sum will be asked of the Presbytery general council which meets here December 9 to 12 by the various boards of the denomination. The drive is proposed by the movement known as the "Every Member Canvass" to raise the whole sum in a single afternoon. Quotas will be apportioned among the synods, and the 299 presbyteries and then down to the 9,903 individual churches.

RADIO ROMANCE
ENDS AT ALTARAppreciative Fan Weds Pitts-
burg Soloist After Concert

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5.—A radio romance which has its inception when Thomas Malle, Pittsburgh vocalist and songwriter, appeared as a soloist on a program at a local broadcasting station, and Miss Dorothy Hess of Chicago, an actress, "listened in" in her New York apartment was revealed here today when marriage was made of their romance.

BILL IS OFFERED
TO REWARD FLIERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The army world fliers would be promoted and each given \$10,000 reward and a Congressional medal of honor under legislation introduced today by Representative Rathbone, republican, Illinois. Lieutenant Wade, Nelson, Smith and Arnold would become majors and Civilian Mechanic Harding and Sergeant Ogden first lieutenants.

JAP EXCLUSION
WORLD DISASTER,
SAYS C. E. WOODS

Former Tokyo Ambassador Sends Speech To Atlanta Church Meet

ULTIMATE RESULTS
WILL BE SERIOUS

Congress Could Have Sought Japan's Co-operation, He Says

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 5.—"The Japanese exclusion act was an international disaster of the first magnitude; a disaster to American diplomacy in the Far East; a disaster to religion and effective work of our American churches in Japan," Cyrus E. Woods, former United States ambassador to Japan, said in a letter sent the Federal Council of Churches, in session here, for reading tonight.

The exclusion act also was brought to the attention of the council by Dr. A. K. Reischauer, Tokyo, representing the National Christian Council of Japan, who recommended the appointment of a "high commission" composed of "representative Americans and Japanese" to work out a readjustment of the present situation.

"Conflicting now needs to be done is to follow the suggestion of Secretary Hughes," said Mr. Woods. "He asked that Japan be placed on the quota basis. This would admit only 146 immigrants annually until July 1927, and thereafter only 150. This amount is negligible and I am sure in the enforcement of such a provision, America will have the loyal co-operation of the Japanese government."

Results Undetermined
The "ultimate consequences" of the act cannot yet be "fully forecast," he continued, adding that "we do not fail to do during the coming year or two will determine the degree of the disaster. The right handling of the question in the near future, he stated, would "far toward wiping out the harm" which he said has been done.

"Failure to take appropriate action will bring harm, deepen and extend it," he predicted.

"The purpose of congress was, no doubt, to stop further Japanese immigration, on the assumption that a flood of Japanese was still entering the United States. Congress could not have realized that Japan accepted the principle of exclusion in 1908. Since that date, the Japanese government has been loyally co-operating with the government of the United States in carrying out that policy."

"As a result of the 'gentlemen's agreement,' then entered into, more Japanese have left the United States than have entered by 22,732. The coming of Japanese women to join their husbands or to be married to young men already here, permitted by the agreement has resulted in an increase of foreign born Japanese in continental America during the sixteen years for which we have the figures (1909-1923) of only 8,681."

"It is therefore clear that what congress wanted could have been secured with Japan's cordial consent and co-operation. It is also clear that the issue in the mind of Japan was not immigration but something else."

Resent Discrimination
"From the standpoint of my special opportunities of knowledge, I wish to state with utmost clearness and emphasis that what Japan resented was not exclusion but humiliating race discrimination."

Without one compensating advantage congress has thrown away one of the most important assets in solving the problems of the Pacific and has, at the same time, created utterly needless feelings of mortification, humiliation and distrust."

Before the passage of the exclusion act, the former ambassador said, America had a strong influence in Japan. With the passage of the act, Japan became "bewildered, disappointed, dismayed and indignant," he said.

After outlining in detail the present sentiment in Japan, Mr. Woods said: "I believe congress had no deliberate intention to humiliate and affront Japan," but, "it nevertheless in fact did so."

Dr. Reischauer told the delegates that "the Japanese are deeply hurt, disappointed and resentful" as a result of the passage of the act. He added, however, that the Japanese have not lost faith in us and there are other thousands who still believe that we will do the right thing. He also stated that Christian work in Japan had been seriously setback.

FORMER FINANCIER
ORDERED TO PRISON

John W. Worthington To Serve Two Years In Atlanta

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 5.—A mandate ordering the apprehension of John W. Worthington, once known as "the Wolf of LaSalle Street" because of his devious financial affairs and his removal to Atlanta penitentiary was issued today by the United States circuit court of appeals.

BRITAIN, HERRIOT
UNITE TO SOLVE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

French Premier And Chamberlain Make First Pact In Paris

DEBT PAYMENT
IS DISCUSSED

Action On Payments To America Is Not Revealed

(By Leased Wire To The Age-Herald.)

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The first attempt of the conservative British government to come to an agreement with Premier Edouard Herriot's socialist regime in France has succeeded. Following lengthy conversations between Herriot and Austen Chamberlain, conservative British foreign secretary at the Quai D'Orsay, it is officially announced that the two statesmen had "reached an accord relative to foreign problems demanding immediate solution."

A tentative agreement on the subjects due for discussion by the League of Nations council meeting at Rome also was achieved.

It may be assumed that Chamberlain and Herriot agreed upon a plan of action to employ if the steady withdrawal of Spanish troops from the Spanish sector in Morocco becomes a pellucid route, as it seems most likely to do, through some negotiable deflection in the present known circumstances. The facts were withheld from reporters, but it is believed clues leading outside of Birmingham will be traced during the next 24 hours.

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Discuss Debts
Herriot admitted to him and Chamberlain discussed interrelated debts, but whether France agreed to pay the United States until she is able to pay England was not stated.

The Herriot-Chamberlain conversations mean that, to a great extent, Anglo-French co-operation in the league will be continued. It first took form when both England and France were sending socialist representatives to league meetings—before the fall of MacDonald in Britain.

"As a result of the conversation with Chamberlain, Herriot told the press following the Britisher's departure for Rome 'it is generally understood that France and England will pursue a common foreign policy, renouncing any efforts to extend the influence of one at the expense of the other.'

"We took up all the points scheduled for discussion by the council meeting at Rome. Regarding the league protocol for arbitration, disarmament and security, Chamberlain confirmed our information that the British government had asked for a postponement of the application of the protocol for two reasons:

"First—Before the protocol becomes effective, Great Britain wants to complete an important understanding with France."

"Second—It is necessary for Great Britain to consult the dominions before pledging herself and her fleet to the protocol."

To Inform France
"Chamberlain promised to inform France of the results of his consultations with the dominions. Whatever may be the outcome, the British proposals relative to the protocol will be inspired by a sentiment favorable to French security."

Hereafter both countries will be represented by ambassadors at Constantinople with a temporary residence at Ankara, the inland capital of the Turkish republic. Herriot and Chamberlain likewise agreed to oppose bolshevik propaganda with every resource available. Chamberlain thus obtained assurance that French recognition of the soviet union would not erect an other frontier, this time at the English channel, to be guarded against subversive documents and agitators.

HOWARD ASSAILS
INDIAN BUREAU

Oklahoma Representative Says Redskins Given Too Much

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The poor Indian was held up in the house today as the victim of more congressional sins than any one else except perhaps the farmer.

Representative Howard, democrat, Oklahoma, declared more money was appropriated for the care of the Indians than needed and he assailed the Indian bureau for requesting more money than it required. He said the bureau failed to keep track of the number of Indians in the country for.

BUTLER TO RETURN
TO MARINE CORPS

President Opposed To Extension Of Leave, Says Report

Investigation Of Edwards Murder Case
Evolves Into Search For Eye-Witness;
Accused Doctor Maintains His Calm

Attorneys Move To Fairfield For Impending Legal Battle

An eye-witness to the murder of Mrs. George T. Edwards at her home, 4524 Valley Road early last Tuesday morning is now being sought by agents working out of the solicitor's office of the Bessemer circuit court.

The existence of such a person is not doubted by the officials in charge of the investigation.

Meanwhile, information that fingerprints found on a bottle of chloroform in Dr. Edwards' room shortly after his call for help brought neighbors and special officers to the scene of the crime, had been identified as his own, has left the doctor unmoved. He would rather not discuss the case, he says.

Edwards is being held in the Bessemer next of coroner's warrant charging him with the death of his wife.

The state investigators are bending every possible effort to locate the man who is said to have been traced through some neighbors who gave the solicitor's representatives information that is expected to go a long way towards clearing up the baffling mystery.

New Facts Uncovered
Investigators of the Tennessee company have taken the lead in the development of Friday. They are said to have uncovered and presented to the officials interesting facts which are entirely new in the case and absolutely foreign to the present known circumstances. The facts were withheld from reporters, but it is believed clues leading outside of Birmingham will be traced during the next 24 hours.

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- 1—Possibility of an eyewitness to the tragedy. Neither affirmed nor denied by authorities.
- 2—Statements of various officers that they were withholding important developments.
- 3—Positive declaration by county Herriot, expert in the finger prints, on one of the chloroform bottles coincide with those of Dr. Edwards.
- 4—Personal investigation of all angles of the crime by Sheriff T. J. Shirley and Chief Deputy Sheriff Henry S. Hill, concerning which no statement was made.
- 5—The belief among authorities that the mystery of the fourth bullet is but a minor detail.

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Important Developments
Of Friday Withheld
From Reporters

chloroform and attempting the same action on himself.

The dismissal by Solicitor Perry of the suggestion that an autopsy was necessary over the remains of Mrs. Edwards and his discounting also of the theory that a man, shot through the left shoulder, might have some knowledge of the murder.

Investigators are said to have been advised that the finger prints on the bottle of bulk chloroform are those of Dr. Edwards. Prints could not be made from the smaller bottle of the drug which was discovered in the room after the murder.

Although the home has been open and accessible, not only to reporters, but to casual visitors, it was tightly closed Friday, after George Ross, attorney for the defense, had visited the scene with private investigators.

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GOVERNOR
TO APPOINT
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Mobile Sheriff Pleads Inability To Defend Himself

TRIAL UNNECESSARY
AFTER RESIGNATION

Accused Of Conniving At Liquor Traffic In Gulf City

BRANDON PLANS
THOROUGH PROBE

Cazalas Says Accused Officials Should Be Aided In Fighting Charges

(State Capital Bureau.)

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 5.—With the date of hearing of impeachment charges against him close at hand, Sheriff Paul G. Cazalas of Mobile county, submitted his resignation to Gov. W. W. Brandon this afternoon. This action has the effect of terminating the impeachment charges which were to have been heard by the supreme court Monday.

Governor W. W. Brandon in announcing the resignation, stated that he will appoint a successor to Cazalas only after a thorough investigation.

Lack of funds to finance his defense was set forth by Cazalas in his resignation. He asked the governor to recommend the next session of the legislature the enactment of a bill requiring the state to pay all costs and expenses of the defense, pending proceedings where the officer charged with impeachable conduct is exonerated on trial.

Sheriff Cazalas presented his letter of resignation in person. Following is the letter:

Sheriff's Letter
"I hereby tender my resignation as sheriff of Mobile county. To finance a proper defense of the impeachment proceedings now pending against me is impossible, and while I sincerely believe I could defend successfully all charges made against me and would gladly do so if I were financially able to stand the burden, yet I am a poor man and my duty to my wife and children demands that I should not become heavily involved in debt even if I were able to secure the necessary credit."

"I have just learned that the state has summoned over 20 additional witnesses, making a total of approximately 40 witnesses, and the indications are that many more may be summoned looking to practically a retrial of the conspiracy case in the federal court in Mobile in which I was acquitted, as well as a trial of other charges. To meet this line of prosecution would require that I carry to Montgomery a great number of witnesses, and it seems probable that such a proceeding would last for several weeks. I understand that none of my costs can be taxed against the state, and that even though I should be fully exonerated I would have to pay all of my costs. In addition thereto, my attorneys fees necessarily would be very large."

"While the gross income of the sheriff's office in this county is large, yet the expense of its operation is something enormous and a careful estimate convinces me that the office cannot pay during the remainder of my term the amount that it would cost to defend the impeachment proceedings. I dislike to resign while now proceeding in pending, and if I were financially able to do so I would gladly fight the case at every point."

Makes Suggestion
"In this connection, I hope that you will permit the suggestion that at the next session of the legislature you recommend the enactment of a bill requiring the state to pay all costs and expenses in impeachment proceedings wherein the officer is exonerated on a trial of the charges against him. Only in this way can a faithful officer be

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